

Common and Natural Logarithms

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Common Logarithms $\log X$ means $\log_{10} X$

Natural Logarithms $\ln X$ means $\log_e X$

You can use your calculator to find approximations for common logarithms (base 10) and natural logarithms (base e)

Examples:

Use a calculator to approximate each number to four decimal places.

$$\log 5312 \qquad \frac{\log 6500}{\log 0.007}$$

Use a calculator to approximate $10^{3.417}$ to four decimal places

The Number e: $e \approx 2.7182818284$

Change of Base

For any logarithm bases a and b, and any positive number M, (If a, b, and M are positive real numbers and neither b nor M is 1), then

$$\log_b M = \frac{\log_a M}{\log_a b}$$

Examples:

Find $\log_5 8$

Find $\log_4 31$

Graphs of Exponential and Logarithmic Functions, Base e

Graph $f(x) = e^x$ and $g(x) = e^{-x}$ and state the domain and the range of e^x

Graph $f(x) = e^x + 2$ and state the domain and the range of f .

Graph and state the domain and the range of each function.

$$g(x) = \ln(x)$$

$$f(x) = \ln(x+3)$$